# **Quarterly Progress Report #2**

For the project entitled:

# **Automated Cost Recovery: A Feasibility Study**

Reporting Period: January 1-March 31, 2007 (Third Quarter of State Fiscal Year 2007)

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#### **Task 0: Project Management**

Timelines and tasks were reviewed to ensure that the project remains within the budget and on schedule.

### Task 1: Review Automated Cost Recovery Systems in the Transit Industry

The literature review was being finalized toward the end of this quarter, and a write-up of the findings was beginning.

#### Action Items for next quarter:

• Finalize review and results.

# Task 2: Review Current Applications in Montana

Mailed surveys to 73 transportation providers and received 32 surveys as of April 10, 2007 (44% response rate).

#### Action Items for next quarter:

- Finalize clarification and analysis of survey responses, include write-up of data.
- Conference call with Northrop Grumman to discuss *Montana Access Card* technology and ability to leverage the card

#### Task 3: Conduct a Requirements Analysis

(See information under Task 2).

#### Action Items for Next Quarter:

• See information under Task 2

# Task 4: Review ADA Issues Related to Automated Cost Recovery Technologies

Utilized some information from Literature Review for basis of issues regarding ADA issues.

#### Action Items for Next Quarter:

• Complete task, including interviews with various individuals regarding ADA issues with smart cards and other technologies.

#### Task 5: Develop a Cost/Benefit Analysis

Began initial collection of information through literature review to assist with the task.

#### **Action Items for Next Quarter:**

• Continue with collecting information and begin to outline analysis.

#### Task 6: Create an Implementation Plan

This task is scheduled to begin June 2007.

# Task 7: Draft and Final Report & Project Summary Report

Draft report to be sent for review by November 1, 2007

Final report and Project Summary Report to be completed by December 31, 2007

#### **Summary of Expenditures**

Table 1 summarizes the expenditures on this project through March 31, 2007. Expenditures through the third quarter were just under \$5,000; leaving approximately \$101,000 for the remainder of the project.

**TABLE 1. Summary of Expenditures** 

	Budgeted	Spent This	Total	Total
Budget Category	Funds	Period	Total Spent	Remaining
Labor	\$46,157.00	\$3,188.68	\$4,024.48	\$42,132.52
Subcontract	\$39,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,600.00
Travel	\$2,375.00	\$64.13	\$141.73	\$2,233.27
Operations/Comm.	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Indirect	\$17,748.00	\$650.57	\$833.25	\$16,914.75
Totals	\$106,100.00	\$3,903.38	\$4,999.46	\$101,100.54
MDT Funds	\$53,050.00	\$3,903.38	\$4,999.46	\$48,050.54
WTI Funds	\$53,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,050.00
Totals	\$106,100.00	\$3,903.38	\$4,999.46	\$101,100.54

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# **Project Schedule Summary**

A summary of the project status is shown in Figure 1. As noted earlier, the project kick-off meeting was held on November 9, so most of the work on the project is ahead of us.

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**FIGURE 1: Project Schedule with Completed Work**